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For: NOVEL SMALL NUCLEAR RNA VECTORS  
AND USES THEREFOR

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AMENDMENTMS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed responsive to the outstanding Office Action, made final, mailed from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office January 8, 2008, in the above-identified application. A Petition for Extension of Time to file the Brief on Appeal and the appropriate fee are filed concurrently herewith. In lieu of filing a Brief on Appeal, Applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination concurrently. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.